

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum April 2011

- 1. Financial Matters:** A small number of Residents' Association subscriptions have been received and we are following up others, including RAs who have not been members. As it was necessary to change the bank signatories, the bank has taken the opportunity to change the type of account; the new one will be more expensive to operate.
- 2. Planning / Development:**

The Mall (Somerton) F10A/0117: The sign had not been removed by the due date and a prosecution under planning legislation was initiated by FCC. A return date for hearing was listed for 13 April. However on 10 February an application for retention of a non-rotating sign was lodged. We objected and permission was refused again. We assume that the hearing will now go ahead.

Casino: remedial works have been carried out and are almost complete. We have been asked to report to FCC any future concerns about the state of the property. The meeting felt that if a suitable future use for Casino could be identified, FCC might be asked to buy it from the current owners.

Gibney's F11A/0040: We objected to the roof garden proposal. Further information has now been requested by FCC on likely noise levels and details of customers and access.

Unauthorised signage: Photographs of various advertising banners and free-standing notices on footpaths have been sent to the Planning Department of FCC for comment and possible action.

Kinsealy Lane East F11A/0070: Ten year planning permission has been sought for 94 dwellings and crèche – essentially the same development that we objected to in 2006 and which was eventually refused by Bord Pleanála in 2008. A substantial objection has been lodged.
- 3. Environment Issues:**

Tidy Towns: The AGM of the Tidy Towns committee is Thursday 5th May at 7pm in the Grand Hotel and members are urged to attend. A **cleanup day** is being held on **Saturday 7th May** and everyone is urged to join in. All volunteers are welcome and are to meet in the **train station car park** at **10.30am** and take any gardening/painting equipment with them, including gloves. Scoil Iosa has initiated a project to support the Tidy Towns.

Despite new organisational arrangements announced by the County Manager at our AGM, contacting FCC has proved very difficult; in particular, no responses are received when contact is made.

The possibility of the Portrane site being adopted for a major Sewage Plant has now come up again and the subcommittee was advised to be on the alert. We will keep a watching brief.
- 4. Public Relations:** A new edition of *Malahide Guardian* is due out in May with a copy date of 30th April. A sponsor for this edition would be welcome.

There was a discussion on the communications policy of the Forum, with the feeling that we are not reaching enough people through the *Malahide Guardian*, the website and Monthly Notes. We will meet to consider and put forward proposals